Pardon so long a letter — I must not thank you
to[illegible] Love & Good Wishes
of Xmas — & Happy New Year — to Mother.
Put I Pryce in
Testify in Book of Yours
Will be Beyond
tongue can utter
Dec[illegible] 26th

My dear Friend.

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I cannot let
this Season of Good Wishes
go by, without Sending you
mine — such assurances of
Sympathy in all of joy or
of Sorrow that may have be-
fallen you during the Year
that is just expiring.

I have lost many valued

With Earnest
Good Wishes &
Kind Remembrance
of Montana
Dear Mrs Nichols
Always
Yours
1875 W.H. Clagett

To Elizabeth Jane Nichols

friends during the last few
Months. My dear Mother
died in May, aged 93. - one
of the truest, - noblest, - truest
most devoted of human beings; -
in full possession of all her
faculties, surrounded by her
family, & only anxious to
die speedily & so as not to
be a burden of care & anxiety
to them. Then, my dear Cousin
Jack whom I was expecting
in London - Elliott Van de Weyer.
- & last week I heard of the
death of Marius Robinson —
one of "the Lane Seminary boys"

of old times, — one of the "70 years" —
& the Editor of the Ohio Bugle,
our Beloved George Thompson! —
I will not attempt to tell
you how much his death is
felt by the Farmington Society &
our own. He is one to whom
the World owes much. Had
he used but a tenth of his great know-
ledge in building himself up, as
do the men who hold Statesmen's
positions, what great work
might he have held & himself
in the holding! I always
think with pleasure of the
inscription in his watch, —

placed there by the Glasgow friends who sent him to us, marking him as the guest of honour on the completion of a work of which the happy "Consequences cannot be estimated the time shall be no longer."

I think you will be pleased to hear of an undertaking which was begun here in Boston, two or three months ago. It is, to erect a commemorative Statue to Harriet Martineau. The subscriptions

already justify the commencement of the work — one of considerable magnitude, when we find it will take about three years to complete it. It is to be colossal in a degree — that is, of a size to seem so large as life when in place. It is to be seated, & would measure about seven feet in height if standing. Our greatest sculptor has been entrusted with the work: — the same who, in competition with 25 others,

was selected by the Legislature
of Massachusetts to make
the Statue of our revolutionary
Patriot, Samuel Adams, to be
placed, as the gift of the State,
in the Capitol, at Washington.
I was not sorry that, on exam-
ination of the claims of artist,
this Lady, Miss Whitney, of
Boston, should have been
the one most certainly to fulfil
our purpose worthily: — for it
will be an opening of
the way to Woman, of
a career which requires

Athi' I have only known her since the [illegible] was selected for this work.

genius, profound study, Legal
talent, skill & practice, for
its successful prosecution: &
all these Miss Whitney has
amply enjoyed & demonstrated.
And She is, moreover, a lady
of the highest character &
accomplishment generally: —
and one whom I am
proud as well as happy
to call my friend: — one
who appreciates the noble
life & character of Harriet
Martineau. I know not
how you may feel, as

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other's I have only known her since she was selected for this work.

"a friend," - (of the Society
of Friends heretofore, I mean,
about Memorials of this Kind,
but I could thoroughly wish
your sympathy in this
undertaking, - even more
your sympathy in admiration
& gratitude to this noble wo-
man's Memory, accompanied
by attention of any possible
Samples as to the Method of
Manifesting them. As the
work is to be a costly one it
is not money that is wanted
from England: - but that mor-

does not permit the staining of marble in the open air; consequently the choice will be determined by the choice between public Halls or public Grounds or Squares.

I have not yet seen the work so far as it is in progress, — I shall not be in haste to do so. Such work should not be seen half done. The Sculptor is modelling the head after Houdon's engraving

moral sympathy & support
which, being given, ever does
more than diplomacy
or arms to promote a good
understanding between the
Countries of N. M.'s Birth &
of her adoption: — (for truly
She did adopt our country, and
endeared her by our Cause.)

It is not yet decided
whether this Statue is to be
in Marble or in bronze: —
that will be decided by
the Locality in which it
is placed. One thing

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